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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Michael's  
2019 SL450

Greetings and a Happy New Year to all of our loyal and dedicated Southern Arizona Chaparral Members.

Our December Holiday party was a success. Attendance was nearly 30 people and a fun time was had by all. Drawings were held for several nice

bottles of wine.

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held at Coco's at Ina and Oracle on January 19th at 11:30. I encourage all of our members to attend. The newly elected Board will elect officers at this January meeting.

Coming events include the All German Car Show on February 12, 2022. It will be held in the parking lot at Beyond Bread ( Oracle & Ina ) between 8-10 AM. Cars from the Porsche, BMW and Mercedes clubs will be on display. This event should be fun for our friends and to meet other enthusiasts and view all of the fabulous German cars. The Board is planning several events for the first quarter of the year so stay tuned for these announcements.

The MBCA Chaparral Section is very fortunate to have awesome members and volunteers who work hard to make the club the success it is. If you have an idea for an event whether it be a drive and dine event, a Happy Hour, or anything you feel would be fun, please do not hesitate to contact Dan Hargreaves, myself or any board member. If you are a single member, Colleen Carter is working hard to organize functions to include these members. Please contact her at: [colcarter@comcast.net](mailto:colcarter@comcast.net). A big THANK YOU goes out to Marge Garneau, our past president, for her efforts in getting our newsletter prepared and emailed. I want to thank all of you for your participation in our 2021 events and to the volunteers that made it happen.

Respectfully,  
Michael Welton  
Chaparral Section President



# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As a Whole the club is holding its own. We started of the year 2021 with 99 active members, and during the year we lost 17. But the good news is that we also had 17 new members join so we will start 2022 with 99 active members. We have 32 active associate members. So in total we have 131 members.

The Board works hard to come up with events that all members would be interested in, so if you have something you would like to see done let one of the board know and help us make that happen. We have many things in the talking stage, lets hope that Covid 19 does not stop us from doing them. To All a Happy New Year and hope to see you at our events.

Don Lewis, Membership



Don's 2014 E350  
4Matic Coupe

## UPCOMING EVENT!

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3 years is \$157

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### BOARD MEETINGS

The board meets monthly at Cocos on Oracle at Ina Rd The meeting will begin at 11:30 am and will be followed by the President's Gathering.

President's Gathering and Board of Directors meeting; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am at Cocos on Oracle at Ina Road.

Next meeting is January 19th.



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## DICK AND JUDY'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE WITH THE DESERT STARS

On the weekend of October 22 Dick and I joined the Desert Stars in Flagstaff to participate in their annual Havasupai Rallye. We were warmly welcomed by all of the Phoenix area Mercedes Benz Club members and thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. The headquarters for the weekend was The Little America Hotel, a wonderful property nestled on 500 acres of Ponderosa pine forest. The guest rooms were luxurious, and the food and service were outstanding.

The weekend began in the hotel's restaurant Friday evening with delicious appetizers and lots of friendly banter. Saturday morning saw the 10 cars participating in the rallye gather for a brief Driver's Meeting and then depart with rallye instructions in hand. We hit the road navigating through downtown Flagstaff on portions of Historic Route 66 while looking for clues along the way. First stop was the Riordan Mansion Historic State Park, a rustic craftsman style mansion built in 1904 and its garden. Then we headed south on scenic Lake Mary Road and around Mormon Lake, all the while searching for clues and noticing a lack of water in the lakes. We then had a pit stop at Happy Jack Lodge, complete with refreshments and a big fire in the gigantic fireplace. Hitting the road again, we continued on to end the rallye at the historic La Posada hotel in Winslow where all had a delicious lunch in the Turquoise Room and a tour of the hotel by guides dressed as the Harvey Girls who staffed the restaurant in yesteryear.

Back in Flagstaff we enjoyed a lovely dinner again in the hotel's restaurant and the prize giving for the rallye. I'm sure Dick and I probably had the lowest score of all on the rallye as we decided to enjoy the drive and if we missed something, so be it.

The important thing was that we enjoyed ourselves tremendously. We didn't know a soul when we arrived, but by the time we left we felt like we had many new friends. We would encourage our Chaparral section members to join the Desert Stars sometime for one of their events.



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